

Embassy Accord

Only the "formalities" are still to be worked out in an agreement between the United States and Russia on reciprocal locations of their respective embassies, the State Department said yesterday.

The Department said Russia has agreed "in principle" to occupy the Wisconsin Avenue site of the old Mount Alto Hospital, while the United States has agreed to relocate its Moscow complex on a riverside tract of similar size, about a half-mile from its present quarters.

The negotiations have dragged on for years, with the Russians expressing interest in a number of Washington locations, which for one reason or another could not be made available. The latest of these was Tregaron, the Woodley Road estate of the late Joseph E. Davies, Ambassador to Russia. Last week, the Cleveland Park Citizens Association withdrew the area's long-standing objections to the location of an embassy on the Davies estate. The group qualified its stand, requesting that the site be partitioned, with about half of its 20 acres preserved as Federal parkland.

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